



Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP

1776 K STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20006
PHONE 202.719.7000
FAX 202.719.7049

Virginia Office
7925 JONES BRANCH DRIVE
SUITE 6200
McLEAN, VA 22102
PHONE 703.905.2800
FAX 703.905.2820

www.wrf.com

August 23, 2004

David E. Hilliard
202.719.7058
dhilliard@wrf.com

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Notice* - WT Docket No. 03-103

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Verizon Airfone Inc., this is to note that on August 20, 2004, I spoke by telephone with Richard Arsenault of the Mobility Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. We discussed various scenarios under consideration by the Bureau in this proceeding including: (1) two exclusive licenses (one consisting of 2.5 MHz and the other consisting of 1.5 MHz); (2) two overlapping 2.5 MHz licenses; and (3) one four MHz license. We also discussed the proposals made by Boeing and Airfone for up to four 2.5 MHz licenses. The discussion centered on the FCC staff's interest in gaining additional information as to how these approaches would affect the data rates experienced by users aboard aircraft, the system design implications of the various approaches, and the treatment of Airfone as the licensee of the incumbent air-to-ground system in the 849-851 and 894-896 MHz bands.

Please contact me with any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/ *David E. Hilliard*

David E. Hilliard
Counsel for Verizon Airfone, Inc.

cc: Richard Arsenault, Esq.